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FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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TAGS: PINR, CO

SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC SUPPORT FOR OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1. LITTLE BIO INFORMATION ON SUBJECTS IS AVAILABLE. FONOFF HAS NO BIO INFORMATION, COLOMBIAN WHO'S WHO DOES NOT LIST THEM, AND EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE LITTLE OR NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF AMBASSADOR GOMEZ AND WIFE SINCE GOMEZ WAS A LITTLE KNOWN PERSONALITY AND A SURPRISE APPOINTMENT. THE INFORMATION THAT IS AVAILABLE FOLLOWS:

2. JUAN PABLO GOMEZ PRADILLA WAS NAMED AS AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS ON OCT 22 1974, REPLACING AMBASSADOR VALDERRAMA, GOMEZ BORN IN 1926, IS A LAWYER, SPECIALIZING IN CIVIL, COMMERICAL, AND TAX LAW. AT THE TIME OF THIS APPOINTMENT HE WAS THE HEAD OF THE DPEARTMENT OF CIVIL LAW AT THE JESUIT JAVERIANA UNIVERSITY IN BOGOTA AND SERVED AS GNERAL COUNSEL FOR THE BANCO POPULAR. ACCORDING TO FONOFF OFFICIALS GOMEZ PRADILLA HAS NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN FORIEGN AFFAIRS AND HAS NOT BEEN ACTIVE IN POLITICS.

3. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON WIFE OF JUAN PABLO GOMEZ PRADILLA.

4. NYDIA QUINTERO DE TURBAY (WIFE OF AMBASSADOR JULIO CESAR TURBAY AYALA) WAS BORN IN DEPARTMENT OF HUILA ON OCT 22 1929. SHE MARRIED AMBASSADOR TURBAY IN MAY 1948. MRS TURBAY INCLUDES MUSIC, PAINTING, AND MANUAL CRAFTS AMONG HER HOBBIES. SHE IS VERY ACTIVE IN SOCIAL WORK. MRS

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TURBAY SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH. THE AMBASSADOR AND MRS

TURBAY HAVE FOUR CHILDREN: JULIO CESAR, MARRIED TO  
MARTA JOSEFINA NOGUERA; DIANA, MARRIED TO LUIS FRANCISCO  
HOYOS; CLAUDIA, MARRIED TO JAIME GRANJA; AND MARIA  
VICTORIA, 17 YEARS OLD.  
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